

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 18, 1871.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CLAGETT, on leave, introduced the following bill:

**A BILL**

To set apart a certain tract of land lying near the head-waters of the Yellowstone River as a public park.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the tract of land in the Territories of Montana and  
4       Wyoming, lying near the head-waters of the Yellowstone  
5       River and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the  
6       junction of Gardiner's River with the Yellowstone River and  
7       running east to the meridian, passing ten miles to the east-  
8       ward of the most eastern point of Yellowstone Lake; thence  
9       south along said meridian to the parallel of latitude passing  
10      ten miles south of the most southern point of Yellowstone  
11      Lake; thence west along said parallel to the meridian pass-  
12      ing fifteen miles west of the most western point of Madison

13 Lake ; thence north along said meridian to the latitude of the  
14 junction of the Yellowstone and Gardiner's Rivers ; thence  
15 east to the place of beginning, is hereby reserved and with-  
16 drawn from settlement, occupancy, or sale, under the laws of  
17 the United States, and dedicated and set apart as a public  
18 park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of  
19 the people ; and all persons who shall, after the passage of  
20 this act, locate or settle upon the same, or any part thereof,  
21 except as hereinafter provided, shall be considered trespassers  
22 and removed therefrom.

1       SEC. 2. That said public park shall be under the exclusive  
2 control of the Secretary of the Interior, whose duty it shall  
3 be, as soon as practicable, to make and publish such rules and  
4 regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the care  
5 and management of the same. Such regulations shall pro-  
6 vide for the preservation, from injury or spoliation, of all tim-  
7 ber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities or wonders, within  
8 said park, and their retention in their natural condition. The  
9 Secretary may, in his discretion, grant leases for building pur-  
10 poses for terms not exceeding ten years, of small parcels of  
11 ground at such places in said park as shall require the erection  
12 of buildings for the accomodation of visitors ; all of the pro-  
13 ceeds of said leases, and all other revenues that may be  
14 derived from any source connected with said park, to be ex-  
15 pended under his direction in the management of the same,

16 and the construction of roads and bridle-paths therein. He  
17 shall provide against the wanton destruction of the fish and  
18 game found within said park, and against their capture or  
19 destruction for the purposes of merchandise or profit. He  
20 shall also cause all persons trespassing upon the same after  
21 the passage of this act to be removed therefrom, and gen-  
22 erally shall be authorized to take all such measures as shall  
23 be necessary or proper to fully carry out the objects and pur-  
24 poses of this act.